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1. ALTHOUGH THE POLISH MEDIA DID NOT ANNOUNCE THE MAY 23-24 VISIT OF FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK AND PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWICZ TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN ADVANCE, THE PRESS RAN A SERIES OF ARTICLES BEFOREHAND EXTOLLING THE BENEFITS FOR POLAND IN COOPERATION WITH THE CSSR. ALL MAJOR WARSAW DAILIES CARRIED POLISH PRESS AGENCY (PAP) STORIES ON THE VISIT ITSELF, THE COVERAGE APPEARING ALMOST TOTALLY PARALLEL TO RUDE PRAVO'S AS RELATED IN REFTEL. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS APPEARED.

2. THE PAP ARTICLE ON THE RESULTS OF THE "FRIENDLY WORKING  
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MEETING" WAS FEATURED IN THE MAY 25 TRYBUNA LUDU IN THE FORM OF A COMMUNIQUE AND TITLED "CONSOLIDATION OF FRATERNAL COOPERATION". IT REPORTED THAT GIEREK AND JAROSZEWICZ MET IN THE HIGH TATRAS WITH CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT AND PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL GUSTAV HUSAK, LUBOMIR STROUGAL, IDENTIFIED (AS WAS JAROSZEWICZ) BY BOTH HIS PARTY AND GOVERNMENT TITLES, AND PARTY SECRETARY VASIL BILAK. (BILAK'S NAME WAS OMITTED FROM TRYBUNA LUDU'S HEADLINE

WHICH FEATURED THE OTHER FOUR.)

3. LIKE RUDE PRAVO'S, THE PAP ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF "THE INCREASING SHARE OF SPECIALIZATION AND COOPERATION IN PRODUCTION" FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLISH-CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE. THE ARTICLE INDICATED THAT WORK ON POST-1980 COOPERATION PLANS IS APPARENTLY LAGGING. IT SAID THE CONFEREES RECOMMENDED THAT THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS AND UNITS IN BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE IN WORKING OUT THE PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE "PRINCIPAL DIRECTIONS OF DEVELOPING POLISH-CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMIC COOPERATION AFTER 1980", DECIDED UPON IN THE JULY 1977 TALKS OF THE PARTY-STATE DELEGATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. THE PAP ACCOUNT FAILED TO MENTION THE EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT PUBLISHED IN RUDE PRAVO. IT DID STATE POLAND'S AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S "UNSHAKEABLE DETERMINATION", IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES, TO "CONTINUE VIGOROUS ACTIVITY" TOWARD FURTHER ALLEVIATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION, ARRESTING THE ARMS RACE, AND ELIMINATING THE "NUCLEI" OF WAR. ALSO, ACCORDING TO PAP, GIREK AND HUSAK VOICED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE "NEW, TANGIBLE PROPOSALS" OF THE USSR ON ELIMINATING THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR CONFLICT AND ON DISARMAMENT.

5. ON ATMOSPHERICS, THE PAP ACCOUNT CONTAINED A SHADE OF DIFF-  
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ERENCE FROM THE VERSION OF THE STATEMENT IN REFTTEL PARA 4. IT SAID THE MEETING WAS HELD IN A "PARTY-LIKE, CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE IN A SPIRIT OF "FULL" OMITTED) MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING". (COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT BOTH VERSIONS FAILED TO MENTION COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON ALL MATTERS DISCUSSED. END COMMENT.)

6. TRYBUNA LUDU OF MAY 31 CARRIES AN ACCOUNT OF A MAY 30 MEETING OF THE PZPR POLITBURO WHICH INTER ALIA HEARD A REPORT ON THE MEETING BETWEEN THE POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS. THE POLITBURO, ACCORDING TO TL, ENDORSED "THE RESULTS AND DECISIONS OF THE MEETING" IN FULL AND SAID THEY WOULD PROMOTE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS FOSTER THE "TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN THE PEOPLES, OF BOTH COUNTRIES. IT ALSO COMMITTED PARTY AND STATE BODIES TO APPROPRIATE ACTION TOWARD REALIZING THE DECISIONS MADE AT THE MEETING. THE ARTICLE, HOWEVER, CONTAINED NO SPECIFICS ON ANY OF THE ISSUES THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN UP.

7. COMMENT: FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH, A WELL-PLACED POLISH JOURNALIST TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT BOTH GIEREK'S TRIP TO THE TATRAS AND BREZHNEV'S CURRENT CZECHOSLOVAK VISIT WERE CALCULATED TO BOLSTER HUSAK AGAINST CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM HARDER

LINE FORCES IN THE CPCS LED BY BILAK. EMBASSY PRAGUE IS, OF  
COURSE, IN THE BEST POSITION TO JUDGE THE VALIDITY, OR EVEN  
PLAUSIBILITY, OF THIS THEORY. END COMMENT.  
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